House Bill 3113

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, ALONSO LEON; Representatives NOSSE, POWER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Establishes Ranger Program within Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Describes scope of projects offered under program.

Directs program director of Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, in consultation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee and Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, to award grants for projects administered under program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to youth development programs.

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- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 418.650 to 418.663.
 - SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Ranger Program is established within the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Consistent with the established purposes of the corps, the purpose of the program is to provide opportunities in environmental stewardship and work skills development for disadvantaged and at-risk youth throughout this state through participation in conservation projects on public lands.
 - (b) The program shall provide employment opportunities for up to 40,000 youth participants who are 13 to 18 years of age, to work as part of a team to complete conservation projects during a term of service that does not exceed 12 months.
 - (2) Projects under the program may include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Restoration and revitalization of recreational trails that are located within state parks;
 - (b) Woodland conservation and rehabilitation;
 - (c) Wetland conservation and rehabilitation; and
 - (d) Promotion of tourism opportunities that align with the conservation objectives of the program.
 - (3) The program director of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, in consultation with the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee and the Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, shall award grants for projects administered under the program.
- 25 (4) The moneys received through a grant must be used for:
- 26 (a) Educational expenses;
 - (b) Equipment, supplies or tools necessary to complete projects;
- 28 (c) Transportation;
 - (d) Training resources and materials used to provide instruction to the program participants; and

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1 (e) Any other operating expenses or costs associated with implementation and operation of the program.

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